

In the claims:

1. (amended) A memory card drive comprising:

a memory card drive body having a memory interface;

a plurality of memory card slots provided in said memory card drive body oriented in a planar array to accept a plurality of memory cards in the same loading orientation; and

a plurality of memory cards, detachably accommodated in said memory card slots, into and from which digital information is recorded and played back through the memory interface.

2. (original) A memory card drive according to claim 1, wherein said memory card slots are provided in a memory card tray that is loaded into and unloaded from said memory card drive body.

3. (amended) A portable memory card drive comprising:

a portable memory card drive body having a memory interface;

a plurality of memory card slots provided in said portable memory card drive body oriented in a planar array to accept a plurality of memory cards in the same loading orientation; and

a plurality of memory cards, detachably accommodated in said memory card slots, into and from which digital information is recorded and played back through the memory interface.

4. (original) A portable memory card drive according to claim 3, wherein said portable memory card drive body includes a power supply.

5. (original) A portable memory card drive according to claim 3, wherein said memory card slots are provided in a memory card tray that is loaded into and unloaded from said portable memory card drive body.

6. (original) A portable memory card drive according to claim 3, further comprising an opening/closing cover pivotally attached to said portable memory card drive body for movement between an open position, in which the memory cards are exposed, and a closed position, in which said opening/closing cover covers the memory cards.

7. (original) A portable memory card drive according to claim 4, wherein the power supply is at least one battery that is included in said portable memory card drive body.

8. (original) A portable memory card drive according to claim 4, wherein the power supply is a battery pack that is detachably attached to said portable memory card drive body.

9. (original) A portable memory card drive according to claim 4, wherein the power supply is at least one battery that is included in a portable holder detachably attached to said portable memory card drive body.